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**SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON FLOODING #21—FEMA 1526-DR**

**OVERVIEW** – Wisconsin Emergency Management and many other local, state, federal and volunteer agencies continue to provide assistance to individuals, businesses and communities that suffered damage as a result of flooding, storms and tornadoes that hit southern Wisconsin in May and June. Last month, Governor Doyle sent a request to the President to reopen the incident period for the current disaster declaration and push back the start date from the current date of May 19 to May 7. We have not been notified if this request has been approved. We will send information to you when WEM receives it.

Yesterday, August 18, was the last day that individuals and businesses could request federal disaster aid through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The number of individuals and businesses that registered for federal assistance was 7,676 and as of August 18, more than \$10.5 million in grants and low interest loans has been distributed. This amount will continue to increase as there are several applications pending approval. Below is a breakdown of the programs and number of applicants per county:

<b>Total number of individuals who applied for disaster assistance: 7,676</b>			
<b>County</b>	<b>Applications</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Applications</b>
Adams	107	Brown	12
Calumet	6	Chippewa	1
Clark	26	Columbia	139
Crawford	99	Dane	100
Dodge	495	Eau Claire	2
Fond du Lac	439	Grant	109
Green	7	Green Lake	162
Iowa	4	Jackson	13
Jefferson	78	Juneau	46
Kenosha	159	LaCrosse	16

Lafayette	5	Marathon	2
Marquette	109	Milwaukee	4,292
Monroe	83	Outagamie	21
Ozaukee	86	Portage	26
Racine	84	Richland	26
Rock	16	Sauk	99
Shawano	3	Sheboygan	40
Taylor	0	Trempealeau	4
Vernon	115	Walworth	3
Washington	20	Waukesha	22
Waupaca	17	Waushara	11
Winnebago	547	Wood	25

- Disaster Housing Assistance has been approved for 2,698 applicants for a total of \$4,525,855. These grants are used to help people repair damaged, uninsured homes to a safe, sanitary and functional condition and for temporary disaster rental assistance for those unable to live in their homes. There are still applications pending.
- 1,708 applications have been approved for the Other Needs Assistance, totaling \$1,166,577. These grants are used for medical, funeral, personal property, transportation and other eligible expenses. There are still applications pending.
- 148 applications for Disaster Unemployment Assistance have been approved, totaling \$111,241 in assistance.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved 111 low-interest disaster loans for businesses and homeowners for a total of \$4,723,400. There are still applications pending.

**Department of Commerce** – The village of Randolph received a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant – Emergency Assistance Program (CDBG-EAP) for assistance with flood damage. The village of Randolph will use the grant to help between 35 to 50 low and moderate income (LMI) households replace electrical boxes, furnaces, and water heaters and fix foundations damaged by the flooding. Commerce is also considering a request from the city of Berlin in Green Lake and anticipate receiving further applications from communities hit hard by the severe storms.

**Public Assistance Program - Under** the Public Assistance Program, 386 local governments in the declared counties have requested disaster assistance. So far, \$2.1 million has been obligated. Under the Public Assistance Program, local governments with eligible damage costs can receive grants that are 75% funded by FEMA and 12.5% by the State of Wisconsin, with the remaining costs the applicant's share.

**Crisis Counseling** - Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services has received a grant from FEMA to provide crisis counseling. The *Project Recovery in Wisconsin* has contracted with Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan and Lincoln Park Community Center to hire FEMA trained outreach workers to provide supportive counseling to citizens impacted by the disasters. The counselors assist disaster victims in understanding their current situation and reactions, reviewing their options,

addressing their emotional support and linking them with resources and agencies who may assist them. In addition, the Wisconsin Farm Center at the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is helping publicize the program in rural farm communities located in the 44 Presidential declared disaster counties.

To date, Project Recovery outreach workers have made over 700 face to face contacts with disaster impacted citizens. Through Project Recovery and the Farm Center over 21,000 Project Recovery emotional recovery brochures have been distributed within the 44 counties and the Farm Center has sent out 13,000 individual letters and Project Recovery brochures to dairy farmers and milk haulers in the 44 counties.

Project Recovery staff and services can be accessed by disaster impacted citizens in Milwaukee by calling 414-963-6410. Citizens in the other 43 counties can access Project Recovery by calling the toll free number 1-866-422-3742. The Wisconsin Farm Center can be reached through their toll free number 1-800-942-2474.

**Long-Term Recovery** – To help address many of the unmet needs of disaster victims as a result of this summer's severe storms, flooding and tornadoes, the Wisconsin Volunteer Agencies Active in Disasters (VOAD) has put together a program to provide additional assistance. The Wisconsin Storms 2004 Unmet Needs Project is designed to help individuals and families who still have needs directly related to the storms and flood damage. This assistance ranges from replacing appliances that might have been destroyed in the flooding to volunteer assistance in removing debris. Residents should call 1-866-211-3830 statewide or 211 in Milwaukee to request this additional aid.

**Hazard Mitigation Program** – Under the current disaster declaration, the state is also eligible for funding for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The funding allocated is based on a percentage of the total disaster costs and will be determined at a later date. The grants will be used to implement cost-effective and long term mitigation projects. WEM staff will soon be mailing out the pre-application for hazard mitigation to county emergency management directors and local governments impacted by the disasters. The pre-application is basically to show if a community or local government is interested in a mitigation project locally. This could range from property acquisition to flood proofing measures. Mitigation staff also finalized the Post-Event Hazard Mitigation Strategy which outlines potential mitigation projects in areas damaged by the flooding and tornadoes.

Mitigation staff with WEM, FEMA, and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources held four workshops on substantial damage determination for local officials in the declared counties. In addition, a workshop on All-Hazards Mitigation Planning was held in Wisconsin Rapids last month with 29 participants.

**After Action Briefings** – Dodge County Emergency Management recently conducted after action briefings with officials from the City of Waupun and City of Randolph. Emergency response personnel and local officials reviewed the community's response to the various storms, tornadoes and flooding and discussed future planning measures.

**For further information, contact Wisconsin Emergency Management at 608-242-3232.**